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Our Association is carrying on a program this year which should be a contribution to each individual library, as well as to the profession as a whole. It is important that all past members keep an active membership during 1944, and that new librarians be invited to join the Association. May I urge that each individual member consider it his own responsibility to see that his local associates pay their membership dues this month? Those who have not yet paid, have not received this issue of the Bulletin, but dues are still payable. In order to have a vote in the election of our State officers next October, it is necessary that all dues be paid by the middle of August.

COIT COOLIDGE, *Chairman.*

LISTEN TO SPANISH

Every noon from 12:15 to 12:45 Mondays through Fridays, Spanish language records are played for half an hour in the Lecture Room of the Los Angeles Public Library. This is planned as an opportunity for "ear training", not as a class with a teacher. The Linguaphone Spanish conversation records are used and one new lesson is presented each day. The following books to be used with the records may be borrowed from the Foreign Department: *Curso de conversacion;* Explanatory notes on the Spanish conversational course; Grammar to the Spanish conversational course; Collateral and alphabetical vocabularies to the Spanish Conversational course. An invitation to listen to the records with the list of books was sent to many of the business offices near the library. Listeners drop in during their noon hour and remain for ten or fifteen minutes. A nucleus of about twenty-five come regularly, one-third of them men. Requests have been made for other language hours, in French, Russian and Portuguese.

MARGARET G. HICKMAN

Mills College bestowed the honorary degree of doctor of laws on State Librarian Mabel R. Gillis at the commencement exercises June 4, in Oakland.

Howard M. Rowe has been appointed librarian of the Santa Barbara Public Library. Mr. Rowe is a graduate of the University of California Library School and has had experience in the University of Idaho Law Library and the Coalinga District School Library.

Miss Vera Eleanor Morgan has been appointed librarian of the Glendale Public Library. Miss Morgan is a graduate of the Columbia University School of Library Service. She has been librarian of the Bendix Aviation Corporation in Sydney, New York, and has had experience as supervisor of branches in the Indianapolis Public Library. She has contributed numerous articles to professional periodicals and is the author of *Vocations in short stories*, published by the American Library Association.

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TO C. L. A. MEMBERS

DURING the past month I have experienced one of the real privileges of being President of the California Library Association, that is, attending the district meetings. The well-planned programs attended by a goodly number of alert, interested and vocal librarians, give the impression that librarianship is a dynamic profession and that those who participate in this profession are alive to the problems of our times.

The President's message delivered at each district meeting emphasized the need for a positive attitude among all members of our profession. Each of us should try to do one thing to further the library's service, organizational efficiency, or public relations. Each librarian should endeavor to develop an interest in the Library among a new and hitherto untouched group of readers. There are many new-comers in every community. Do they know about the library? With the turnover of staff personnel and the shortage of librarians, routine should be simplified and streamlined. The best way of making the library known is by participating in community group activities. Is your library represented on the Veterans' Employment Council of your community? Don't wait to be invited to participate in such community activities; make it known that you are willing to do your part.

Recruitment is the job of every librarian. Tell young people about your chosen profession and urge them to investigate the matter further. Stock and distribute interesting recruitment material, such as the reprint of the Mademoiselle article, "Passing the book", "Something special", published by Special Libraries Association, and "Are you interested?" published by School Library Association of California.

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THE SENSE OF THE PAST

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IN ONE of the extremely progressive schools which flourished some years ago a mother decided to visit her little one's class. She opened the door to what seemed complete chaos. The children, garbed in sheets, pranced around in piping confusion. As the mother paused uncertainly on the threshold, the teacher —and I like to picture her as a vintage Helen Hokinson—detached herself from the infant disorder and sailed up beaming. "Today," she said, "we are Greeks. Next week we are going to be bunnies."

I mention the anecdote because it reveals that even in such a center of modernity as an extremely progressive school, the past is evoked. Not only is it true, in Whitaker's phrase, that we cannot escape history; we cannot escape the study of history, as well. Politicians tell us what the Fathers of the country would or would not do in the present crisis. Commentators explain what must be done with Germany because of what Tacitus said about the Germans at the beginning of our era. The Fall of France is likened to the Fall of Rome. In self defense, we ourselves must turn to history if we are even to begin to evaluate everything our radio and newspaper and new books tell us. Furthermore, as librarians we are constantly called upon to help people seek historical backgrounds, historical justifications, historical parallels with the present.

A word of caution, however, seems necessary. In our enthusiastic evocation of history to give emphasis to our thoughts and lives, we may very easily go astray. For one thing, in these busy times, short cuts offer a temptation that is especially dangerous. We have all had patrons like the very estimable lady who came dashing into the library one afternoon recently. She was frightfully busy, she explained; but at the club, the following afternoon, she was going to lead a discussion group, and what with putting things off and the importance of getting a facial and a hairdo, she had found the time almost upon her and had realized that she had up to now done nothing about preparing the topic of discussion. So, could we get her something brief—oh, a chapter or so—which would explain what led up to the present war, and what the war was all about, what we were fighting for, and all that sort of thing? And, oh yes, if it was inspirational that would help too. The wish to obtain a final summary of everything is apparently irresistible in these days of digested books and articles, rewritten classics, and capsule wisdom. Even Norman Cousins' desire for a single book for our times, in A. L. A. Conference in Print, seems to me a bit doubtful. Occasionally one writer, a Rousseau or a Voltaire, will seem to sum up the spirit of an age. But even then, to understand the issues involved, it becomes necessary to read ever more widely into his backgrounds, his predecessors and successors, the various forces which contributed to his vantage point in the stream of history. Single books occasionally sweep across history like the flash of a brilliant meteor, but their effects cannot always be predicted. The effects of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* were probably beneficial; the effects of a greater work, Goethe's *Werther*, merely rediculous. Sometimes a book may have wide circulation with no real effects at all. *Generation of Vipers* has been on the best seller lists, but there has been no perceptible alteration in either our morals or our mothers, the two chief targets of Mr. Wylie's denunciation.

A very popular misuse of history is our facility in calling upon it to prove various points. "History proves that—" and since the flow of events in the recorded past has been infinitely varied, it is not surprising that some incident will apparently bear upon what the speaker has in mind. I remember some years ago the usually academically urbane T. S. Eliot startled his readers by saying bluntly that he doubted whether Shake-

speare had a philosophy at all. So many books had appeared which made the Bard out to be astonishingly like their own authors, so that we had a Shakespeare who was hardly distinguishable from Frank Harris and another whose very cast of thought was identical with the thought of Wyndham Lewis, that Mr. Eliot wondered, since so many divergent philosophies could be arrived at by quoting from the plays, whether Shakespeare had perhaps put into his craracter's mouths the thoughts that seemed to fit them dramatically and kept his own views discreetly concealed. In the same way, "history" is called upon to prove almost everything. Recently, I heard a very eminent lecturer remind his audience that Rome fell when she developed what he called a fast social set, and he drew a vivid picture of the decay of morals under the Julian emperors as contrasted with the stern virtues of the Republic. Unfortunately, nothing was said of the incredible civil strife and bloodshed in the republican days of Marius and Sulla nor the many good emperors who followed the Julians and the several reigns of almost fanatical puritanism.

One of the favorite misuses of history is that ever popular pastime, analogy. We find the most frequent examples of this in political speakers who find in their own candidates the virtues of Jefferson and Lincoln, while the opposition has inevitably dug up another Benedict Arnold. I recall once taking at the university a course in Roman civilization. I'm afraid I was not attentive enough to the words of the lecturer during the course, because at the final examination I was horrified to find myself confronting such questions as "Who was the Roman Al Capone?" or "What was the Roman equivalent of the New Deal?" Alas, my final grade indicated that I had failed to see eye to eye with my instructor on these points, but ever since I have felt there was some room for argument.

We also remember that even in a subject that aims at strict impartiality viewpoints change. It is interesting in this connection to think back about twenty-five years to the close of the other war. A literary era was just beginning that was to hold special interest for librarians. Lytton Strachey had just founded a new style of biography in *Eminent Victorians* and the *Outline of History* was about to become a phenomonal best seller—in other words, the era of debunking and popularization was upon us. It was a time when a great number of people had at least a partial awareness of history, whether for pure entertainment (the fact that Victorian worthies had emotions and instincts that did not always fit their austere philosophies and surroundings seemed screamingly funny to readers of the nineteen-twenties), or what may be called a widespread application of the philosophy of history, whether you agreed with the (then) optimistic Mr. Wells that humanity was gradually emerging into a scientific-economic Utopia or supported the popularly gloomy Spengler that all history repeats itself in one doomed cycle after another. The debunking biographies served their purpose in changing many a great man (to use Bernard Shaw's words) from a divinity and a bore to an understandable human being, but we see now that they were not the whole truth by any means. Richard Aldington's excellent biography *The Duke* shows how a method which has the wit and psychological insight of the best of these older biographies may yet present a rounded picture of a man impossible to them.

Since the time of Hegel, philosophies of history have been influential, and in many cases dangerous. It was particularly a nineteenth century vice to form immutable laws of history from too narrow premises; such attempts to force a crustacean pattern on history and life had its final outcome in a work like Rosenberg's *Myth of the Twentieth Century* and the official views of the Nazis, whose fantastic distortions of the facts of history to form a propaganda weapon are absorbingly set forth by Konrad Heiden in his recent book, *Der Fuehrer*. Indeed this book, together with Jacques Barzun's brilliant studies of nineteenth century ideas, marks a trend away from a concept of history popular a decade

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FIRST STEPS TO WONDER

IDWAL JONES
Author of "The Whistler's Van"

UP to the age of nine, I lived in a town house in northern Wales, and it had a bear rug and a fireplace which burned soft coal that took fantastic shapes as I lay before it reading. It was usually foggy, or raining, and so I stayed in a great deal. I read over and over again a large green book that told of Welsh ghosts, werewolves, eccentrics and witches. I liked the tale of the Welsh parson who, with his sword and bottle of port on the table, wrote his sermon by the light of a candle held in the paws of his laudable cat, sitting by the inkwell, which it did for years. Until one night it happened to espy a mouse—

But my favorite book was Marryat's "Peter Simple," "Japhet in search of a Father" and "Jacob Faithful," all bound together, and exciting reading it was for a child, and told vividly with the knack of a great describer. This reminds me that many years later, W. L. George once told me, "That is Literature which makes life vivid." I have always been grateful to Marryat. He had lustiness, bluff humor, and a gift of being able to draw odd characters, a quality that endears him to the very young. W. D. Howells, even as a boy, could not read Marryat. "Ogni fanciullo al suo gusto" —every child to his taste, Collodi used to say.

Then I had two other favorite books; a large battered life of George Stephenson, the inventor of the locomotive, and a book of medicine, which had deliciously horrifying passages on opium, hasheesh and cannibals in Brazil, and here I first encountered De Quincey. Then there was a torn Shakespeare, from which I learned by heart, "Let the bird of loudest lay, On the sole Arabia tree, etc."

Once a week, with two of my small classmates—one later went to Russia where he married a Princess, and the other became a knighted surgeon in London—I walked a mile to the town library, where the librarian clucked and shook his head reprovingly if we asked for fiction. But we demanded fiction, and we got it. He had not the least notion about books; he had been given his post because he was crippled after a quarry accident, and had a large family to support. This was very fortunate for us, for he gave us "Henry Esmond," Edna Lyall's "A Hardy Norseman" and Corelli's "The Sorrows of Satan", which I read at eight. Also some poetry, and I memorized "A rose-red city, half as old as time," and knew it was Petra. All very exciting, and it brightened a year made dull by a book given me by my grandfather, a Methodist saint, Doddridge's "Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul." He made up for it, though, by an exciting colored book, "Readings from Dickens, with Pictures," which introduced me to Dick Swiveller, the Marchioness, Mr. Pickwick, the Fat Boy and Sairey Gamp.

My father, an engineer, came home from abroad, and brought me a huge copy of "Don Quixote," in the Jarvis translation, which I still prefer to any other. I was ten when I first read it, and I like it more now, though I think it the saddest book ever written. That same memorable year I read Grimm and Andersen, and liked Grimm better; perhaps because it communicated more, had more of magic and the Gothic feeling that enchants those of the northern races. The Brothers Grimm were scholars as well as artists. So, too, was Frances Browne scholarly, the blind Irish girl who saw so vividly with her mind's eye, and wrote "Granny's Wonderful Chair," which I read again last month, along with her "Digit of the Moon," and I placed her next after Grimm.

We moved into the country when I was still ten, into an old house on a

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moor. Gipsies camped in a nearby wood. Once they stole some wash off our line, and all night long the constable hid under the fence, waiting for their next raid; but the Gipsies were wiser than he. Close by was a lake, where the bards held their "Gorsedd" in the summer. On its shore, from deep myrtle, rose a monument to Taliesin bard of Merlin, and poet of the Arthurian cycle. From this lake, we were told, was brandished the sword Excalibur.

We read, of course, "The Mabinogion," and the names, like Llygadgath ("Cat's-Eyes") and Braichfawrddu ("Great-Black-Arm"), troubled us Welsh children not at all. We liked the legends as told to us, but I think none of us cared for the reading. It had the quality of wonder and pure dream, but it was under a heavy overlay of chivalric ornamentation, and had neither emotion nor simplicity. The Celtic tone, with its briary sweetness and tang, and the nostalgic fairy touch, with the "Little People," had been crushed out of the Arthurian tales during their sojourn in France, where the literary influence was Norman instead of Breton.

But still we had good reading. The tales of W. W. Jacobs were coming out in the old "Strand Magazine," and my liking for them, always warm, has increased with time. I gave them all to my daughter at ten, and her delight in them was so keen (and it still endures) that she came to know them all by heart.

When eleven I lived much in my grandfather's large farmhouse in Denbighshire, remoter from books, though he had a cavernous library filled with works, Welsh mostly, on religion. The farm servants drew from this, reading in the kitchen with its peat fire and lights of peeled bulrushes clipped in an iron holder. Ruskin was for turning children loose in a big library, where their instincts would unnerringly lead them to what was good. (Unless it was George Eliot, or books with Doré illustrations). But Ruskin himself would have been baffled in those alcoves. I read catechisms and moral tales on the curse of drink, and unaccountably liked them, for children can bolt down much didacticism (as in "Swiss Family Robinson") if there is tale enough. And then, frabjous day!—I unearthed the one volume in the house, "Great Expectations" and "David Copperfield", bound together in paper covers, and I vanished—to read them atop a sycamore tree, securely hidden behind leaves from interference.

One of the servants had Elizabeth Wetherell's "Wide, Wide, World," a tearful work whose depictions of New England life fascinated me. At the village shop, I bought for three shillings some odd copies of Mayne Reid, Ballantine and W. Clark Russell, and Trowbridge's "Cudjo's Cave." And I read still more Jacobs' stories, coming out in "The Strand" with Will Owen's drawings, and F. Anstey and E. V. Lucas, Wells' "The Martians."

Rather a hodge-podge, and as I look back upon those years, I wonder if that course of reading could have been bettered. Magic was in those things, and all but a few of them opened the door instantly into a realm of wonder and fantasy. It happened, too, that my surroundings were contiguous to that realm. Adult fiction extruded largely, I now see; but in magic there is no line of demarcation between the adult and the juvenile. It was majesterially in the story of Pip, of David with Peggotty, and queerly enough, in fat Joe Sedley, the collector of Bogley-Walla, meeting up with clever Becky Sharp, and Jacob Faithful's colloquy with the dominie in the barge.

Well, that was a simpler age for children, in the post-Victorian era. Simpler, too, for the juvenile librarian, whose life was unclouded by Tarzan and large-jawed and pragmatic flying heroes. I am prejudiced enough to hold them a peril greater than the foes they coped with, but that is a peril against which that child is armored who has, through grace or accident, been first established in magic.

C. E. D.—WHAT DOES IT MEAN

HELEN E. VOGLESON
Los Angeles County Public Library

THE Committee for Economic Development means business. Business infers prosperity, and prosperity should lead to higher standards of living and the general welfare of all the people. The Committee for Economic Development is an independent, non-political corporation organized more than a year ago for a single purpose. That purpose is to promote the attainment and maintenance of high levels of employment and production by private business enterprise after the war. Since there is an apparent need for some organization to encourage and direct post-war planning by American business men, the Committee for Economic Development is national in scope and its division of the country follows the twelve Federal Reserve Districts. Each district has a well-known business man as a regional chairman. For example, the regional chairman for the 12th Federal Reserve District is Asa V. Call, President, Pacific Mutual Insurance Company. The chairman for the district composed of Los Angeles and Orange Counties is Carleton B. Tibbetts, Vice-President, Los Angeles Steel Casting Company; while the National Chairman is Paul G. Hoffman, President of the Studebaker Corporation.

But it is only now that the Committee for Economic Development has adopted the idea that women should be included in its organization, participate in its studies and assist in adjustment of economic problems involved in education, training and employment of men and women, as well as unemployment or re-employment.

The Los Angeles Women's Division of C. E. D. has the distinction of being the first in the country organized by women. Among the interests represented, one finds committee chairmen for: Accounting, Agriculture, Commerce, Construction, Industry, Creative Arts, Education, Finance, Foreign Trade, Government, Health, Manufacturing, International Relations, Legislation, Libraries and Research, Merchandising, Motion Pictures, Personnel, Public Relations, Radio, Religion, Science-Technology, Social Service, Taxation, Transportation and Communications. The General Chairman of the Los Angeles Women's Division is Miss Irene Parsons, Assistant Cashier, Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank; and Miss Emma Quigley, Librarian, Los Angeles Railway Corporation, is Chairman of the Advisory Council.

The National Committee for Economic Development, through its monthly publication, *C. E. D. News*,* indicates that the program is world-wide in scope, its aim full employment, and its expectation prosperity and security. Security, which envisions the welfare of people and their standards of living, rests on the right to an education, the right for employment and an opportunity to work. Perhaps the most important question of the day is whether ample employment is to be provided through private business or the government. Doubtless a combination will be required, especially following demobilization of millions of war veterans, and others who have been engaged in the tremendous production and in various kinds of work required to carry on the war and win the peace. The dislocation of millions of men and women from their usual activities, the intensive training they are undergoing and the thinking which they must do, present nothing less than very stiff courses in adult education. This educational process is bound to continue, and librarians are planning ways and means to make library service more effective, not only in locating factual information, in helping to rebuild material destruction and also to recover from great human

*In the C.E.D. News for April 1944 ,reference is made to a bulletin issued by the Cleveland Public Library for use of post-war planning executives—50¢. The C.E.D. News is published in New York—285 Madison Avenue, N. Y. 17. Free.

suffering as well as point toward better standards and a happier way of living. Although the public library is not classed as a business enterprise, the public funds by which it is supported are obtained through the economic development of the community, and since library service has not been ranked essential to the war effort, the thought occurs that librarians have possibly "missed the bus." It is true, is it not, that the public library is generally located in a residential district or park, and it is also comparatively recent that downtown branches are being established for the convenience of business people. However, librarians are becoming more and more aware that there is need to integrate the services of libraries literally with business interests as well as the cultural life of the community, and they, therefore, welcome the opportunity to participate in such objective purposes.

The Los Angeles Committee on Libraries and Research is headed by the writer of this article, and the sub-committee chairmen represent different types of library work and kinds of libraries, as follows: Adult Education, Libraries and Co-ordinating Councils, Research and Statistics, Service to Government, Cataloging and Reference Service, Public Relations, Work with Children and Young Adults; also, College and University Libraries, Public Libraries, School Libraries, and Special Libraries. The contribution which each group may make lies entirely within its own initiative, and it appears that the Committee for Economic Development has issued a challenging call for a better understanding of man's economic needs and ways in which to meet them. By participating in conference with such groups as have been mentioned, including service clubs, chambers of commerce, and town halls, librarians will surely find avenues leading to wider library service. Recruiting may be advanced and better public relations will redound in benefits both to the library and the community. For instance: the juvenile delinquency problem is one which should bring together the best thought of court judges, probation officers, members of co-ordinating councils, parents, recreation directors, teachers, and librarians; also the business people of the community—if the community wants to provide intelligently for the welfare of children. The level of community life rises no higher than the standards of its citizens. "In the midst of the present world confusion, clear cut objectives are more necessary than ever before. People who lead must have very clear ideas *where* they are going, *why* they are going in that particular direction, and *how they will go there*."

Members of the Southern California Chapter of Special Libraries Association took an active part in the organization of an information center in Pershing Square, Los Angeles, for servicemen and women. The center was established by the Los Angeles City War Council at the request of Army and Navy authorities, and was opened on May 1, 1944.

The information file for the Center was compiled by a committee of Special Librarians. The chairman was Miss Grace M. Clark, who is personnel librarian for the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission. The other members were Miss Ruth Bates, Kerckhoff Laboratories of the California Institute of Technology; Miss Margaret Cressaty, Haynes Foundation, Los Angeles; Miss Eleanor Hamilton, General Hospital Branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library; Miss Margaret Light, Air-Research Manufacturing Company; and Miss Janet Preston, Los Angeles Railway Company.

Spanish Words Used in Railroad Work, a pamphlet published by the Pennsylvania Railroad, has been very popular in the Hinkley Branch of the San Bernardino County Library, Mrs. Mary Byrne, the librarian says. It is used by the Mexican nationals working on the railroad on the desert, and living at Hinkley. The men are well educated in their own language and are eager to learn English.

THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FREE LIBRARY CELEBRATES ITS 30th ANNIVERSARY

On May 7 the thirtieth anniversary of the San Bernardino County Free Library was celebrated at the annual meeting of the branch and headquarters staff librarians. The county librarian, Mrs. Carma R. Zimmerman, welcomed the librarians and a number of guests. She also spoke of the two ways in which libraries are sending their books to war, by collecting books and money for buying new titles for men in the armed services and by placing in the hands of readers books containing ideas which may be the means of winning this war and averting another one.

Mrs. Ruth D. Tuck of Redlands who is conducting a community study of California Council on Inter-American Affairs, spoke on the background of the Mexican-Americans. The object of Mrs. Tuck's study is the production of a handbook for professional persons working among Mexican-Americans. She pictured the life of the Mexicans before they emigrate to the United States, contrasting it with the disintegration of their family units when they travel with the crops here, and meet greatly different social conditions. A discussion of library service to Mexican people showed that the libraries are assisting many Mexican nationals, temporarily in San Bernardino County, to learn English. One talented artist in the Mexican national group is being assisted to study art.

Dorothy M. Drake, librarian of Scripps College at Claremont, spoke on the fine printing being done at Scripps by the students. They use the press presented by Ward Ritchie, outstanding California Printer. The type was designed by the eminent type designer, Frederick Goudy. Scripps is the only college in the country having its own specially designed type, while the University of California at Berkeley is the only university having its own type.

Luncheon was served outdoors in the patio south of the county library by the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. At this time the thirtieth anniversary of the library was specially celebrated by honoring men and women active in the founding of the library in 1914. Mrs. Zimmerman read from the San Bernardino *Sun* an article printed February 3, 1914, announcing the beginning of the library by Miss Caroline S. Waters, and briefly outlined the events of the library's early years. Miss Waters was introduced and spoke about some of the problems of the visiting branches before the fine desert roads were built. Frequently it was necessary to ride in freight train cabooses and to have the co-operation of railway officials in holding trains so that connections could be made. A single trip over the eastern end of the county sometimes required the use of train coach, freight caboose, railroad handcar and Pullman car.

The only living member of the 1914 Board of Supervisors, Mr. J. C. Jones, with Mrs. Jones, came from Thermal to attend the meeting. He spoke interestingly of early days in the county. He recalled one of the early branch custodians, a colorful desert character, "quick on the trigger," but a zealous worker for the library in his community. The year 1915 was recalled, when motion pictures of the county library service were shown at the Panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. The Board of Supervisors generously financed this project from the general county fund for inducing immigration. It was learned that funds for Barstow Branch of the county were many years ago supplemented by the fees paid for baths at the old Santa Fe roundhouse.

Library work with the children was the subject of a lively afternoon talk by Elizabeth Schlipp, of Glendale.

WHAT GOES ON

GRACE MURRAY
State Library

Its many activities for youth are credited with keeping Palo Alto's delinquency rate extremely low among American communities and making the city a "safe and happy place for children to live, grow, play and learn." The Palo Alto Community Center, with its Children's Library, Children's Theatre and Children's Museum, was featured April 15th on a nationwide radio pro-ram, from the first of five cities to be presented on NBC's "Here's to Youth" Series. Dorothy Hamilton told the story of the Children's Library, as part of the demonstration of this city's positive program to prevent juvenile delinquency. Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, chancellor of Stanford University, reminded his radio audience that the "cooperative effort to beat conditions causing juvenile delinquency means real work, not mere lip service to the nice phrase, 'let's prevent delinquency'."

One of the four resolutions recently presented to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors by Chester MacPhee, to supplement his report on juvenile delinquency, asked cooperation of the public library with city and county officials for elimination of the youth problem. Supervisor MacPhee urged that the Library Commission be requested to "study the feasibility of making branch libraries in San Francisco available for supervised juvenile recreation activities."

The Welwood Murray Memorial Library sponsored a writing contest in April for all residents of Palm Springs under the age of eighteen. Prizes of $5.00 and Certificates of Honor were awarded for the best poem, the best short story and the best essay submitted by local youths.

And speaking of writing, Josephine Gardner, Acting Librarian of Pacific Grove Public Library, was notified recently that she was winner of a national contest for writing a "better commercial script" for the radio. Miss Gardner's success in winning this prize, a course in radio writing at the Radio Writing Institute of Hollywood should be an invitation to make of her writing more than just the hoby it has been so far.

Also speaking of prizes, a blue ribbon as first award was won by Oakland Public Library's exhibit at the Victory Garden Show. Staff members on duty at the booth answered reference questions, took reserves for the books and applications for borrowers' cards. Some 2000 copies of the "Producing Food for Victory" list were distributed to the many visitors who inspected the display.

In the March, 1944 issue of *Library Notes* from Alameda Free Library is a poem about "Last season's music record once held dear . . . ." that goes on to explain the experiment in providing quarters in that library for a music record exchange. The Librarian, Jane I. Curtis, takes no responsibility for the "swap deals", but merely provides a place where patrons may bring in good, used records and take home an equal number of other disks that have been contributed for such exchange. The idea has proved to be popular with the young phonograph record enthusiasts in Alameda.

Dr. Mackenzie Brown has announced his resignation as Librarian of the Santa Barbara City and County Library effective the first of July, when he will return to Santa Barbara State College as a professor.

Mrs. Gertrude Cousens Hunt, a graduate of Wellesley and the library school at Columbia University, succeeds Mary Tracy in Oakland Public Library Boys' and Girls' Room. Miss Tracy accepted a position in the Navy Library of Mare Island Navy Yard. Mrs. Alice Parrish McDonald is a new assistant in the Oakland Library's Circulation Department. Frances Boyd of Wellsville, New York, and a graduate of Western Reserve, has been appointed to a junior librarian position in the Sacramento Public Library.

The Oakland Public Library Board has adopted a new salary policy, which will

grant an annual salary adjustment to each library employee until the maximum for his class is reached. This is to be put into operation July 1, 1944, at which time all employees earning less than the maximum for their class and who have served in the same position for at least a year, will be paid one step higher in their salary range. A comparative study of salaries in other libraries will also be made.

Dorothea Wilson is acting Librarian of Newport Beach Public Library during the six months leave of absence of Mrs. Christine Douglas. Mrs. Naomi B. Knight has been appointed City Librarian of Benicia, and May Houlihan will now serve as assistant. Margaret Hayt Hamersley is Librarian of the Lincoln Public Library.

There is a new name for Ruth F. Burt, Librarian of Marin Dormitories Library. She became Mrs. Robert Robertson on March 18, 1944. Lois Cosand resigned from Imperial County Library at the end of April to be married.

Mrs. Hilda Gear succeeded Marjorie Biggam as assistant county librarian at Quincy at the end of March, when Miss Biggam took a position in the library of the University of California at Los Angeles. Jane C. Cotton succeeded Frances Gish as children's librarian of Tulare County Library at the end of March, and Miss Gish was appointed head of Kern County Library's school department.

Clara Tuttle Heck, recently Librarian of St. Mary's Hospital Library in San Francisco, is now in the WAVES, assigned to the Hospital Corps. Julia Mumford was granted military leave from San Bernardino County Library to enter the WAVES, and has gone to Hunter College, New York, for training.

Florence M. Freeman resigned as assistant librarian of Long Beach Public Library on May 1. She is retiring from library work, after more than twenty years in that post, to live on a ranch near Pasadena with her sisters.

The Trinity County Librarian, Mildred Burch, set off from Weaverville early in May on a pack trip that was all in the line of business. She and the rural supervisor found horse back riding the only way to reach the more remote and inaccessible settlements in that mountainous county, where library stations are to be maintained for the people. It seems that the county librarians never shy away from another "frontier".

In the Los Angeles City Library a committee of department heads, under consultation with the U. S. Employment Service and the educational branches of the armed services, developed a Vocational Guidance Bureau in the School and Teachers' Room. There demobilized servicemen can get the most up-to-date material on how to train for new work. Cards introducing them to their nearest public library will be distributed at the hospitals when the men are discharged and at military and naval special service centers.

Since headquarters of the ninth Service Command have recently been returned to San Francisco, army library service for the eight western states is again centered at the Presidio of San Francisco. The Special Service Officer in charge of libraries and Xenophon P. Smith, 9th Service Command Librarian, still have their offices at Fort Douglas, Utah; but Mr. Smith will be spending a good part of his time on the coast.

Substantially all activities except the administrative headquarters are concentrated in the newly established Ninth Service Command Library Depot located in Building 640, Presidio of San Francisco. S/Sgt. Wendell B. Coon, assistant to the Service Command Librarian, is at this Library Depot, which replaces former branches of the NSC Library at both Los Angeles and San Francisco.

State Librarian Mabel Gillis continues as ALA Liaison Librarian for the Ninth Service Command, with Althea Warren as Assistant Liaison Librarian for southern California and Susan T. Smith for northern California.

A list of librarians in charge of army, navy and marines libraries in California is printed regularly in the State Library's quarterly bulletine, *News Notes of California Libraries*. There is constant turnover in such service library professional positions, however, as well as establish-

ment of new libraries and discontinuance of others. Beverly Cleary has been appointed to the Oakland Area Station Hospital Library, located in the former Hotel Oakland. Ruth E. Palmer is now Librarian of Birmingham General Hospital in Van Nuys, Harriet H. Arnold at Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park, Marian Kruegel at Hammer Field Station Hospital near Fresno, Edith E. Shumaker at the Palm Springs Army Air Field, Dorothy Moulton at Camp Kohler and Marie E. Carroll at McClellan Field.

At Livermore Naval Air Station Mrs. Edwina E. Offutt is Librarian, and Margaret W. Kirkpatrick is in charge of the nearby library at Shoemaker Naval Receiving Barracks. Librarian of Los Alamitos Naval Air Station is Georgia E. Caty, while Solveig Callerstrom is Librarian of the Oceanside Naval Hospital Library at Santa Margarita Ranch.

On Treasure Island, Mrs. Louise F. Barr is now Librarian of the Naval Training Center, with Emily Lumbard as one of the recently appointed assistants. Edith Gray Duke resigned this spring. Librarian of the San Bruno Naval Personnel Depot is Mrs. Helen A. James; head of Santa Cruz Naval Convalescent Hospital Library is M. Elizabeth Phelps, and of Hunter's Point Naval Drydocks at San Francisco is Mrs. Philomen Morisset Kelley.

Resignations are reported from Mrs. Louane Newsome at Camp Lockett on May 1 and from Margaret Craig, who left Camp Beale April 20 to be married in Texas. Helen Burgess is being transferred from Blyth Air Field and no replacement will be made there. Maryellen Bullock will probably take Miss Craig's place at Beale.

Helen Gjuho is Librarian at Long Beach Army Air Field. Dollis Hutchinson succeeds Grace Mahin at March Field.

Sydney B. Mitchell, Director of the University of California School of Lirarianship, announced recently that 72 graduates of that school are now doing war work at hospitals, army posts and camps and naval stations. Graduates can be found as librarians in all major war centers west of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The American Merchant Marine Lirary Association has established another center at 638 N. Avalon Boulevard in Wilmington, to supply small book collections to merchant ships on request. Mrs. Selma Mallock is Port Representative and Althea Warren is Port Adviser. W. D. Sample is now Port Representative at the San Francisco center.

Benjamin Avin, on military leave from the State Library, teases his former associates on the staff with an invitation to attend the "grand opening" of his library in new Service Club quarters. Private Avin is in charge of the Army's Air Base Library on the Galapagos Islands, which so far has been doing a thriving business in its own tent amid the rocks. Any "1A's" want to accept the invitation?

ENGINEERING-AERONAUTICAL LIBRARIANS PLAN UNION LIST OF TRANSLATIONS

Marion L. Stute, librarian of the Pacific Aeronautical Library, 6715 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles 28, reports that the librarians of the local aircraft companies are working on a union list of translations of engineering-aeronautical material. Eleanor Wright, engineering of Chrysler Corporation, is national chairman. The immediate prospect is for a list of material available on the west coast; later a union list of material in both eastern and western libraries will be compiled.

The Aeronautical Library Catalogers of Southern California are welcoming recruits to their once-a-month meetings in the Pacific Aeronautical Library, where they work on their forthcoming book of subject headings for aeronautical engineering libraries. The chairman of the group is Johanna Allerding.

NEWS ROUNDUP

City Librarian Grace Taylor planned four meetings this spring for members of the Sacramento Public Library staff on the general subject of Veterans' Problems and Adjustment. Messengers, clerks and librarians all were required to attend, since the sessions were scheduled at eight o'clock one morning in each of four weeks. Specialists presented an over-all picture of various phases of the problems relative to service men's return to civilian life, followed by questions and discussion in the staff group. Captain A. E. Gladman, of McClellan Field a physician and psychiatrist, discussed war neuroses. At the second meeting Harry D. Hicker, chief of the state Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation talked of rehabilitation of the physically and mentally handicapped service men. Re-employment of returned veterans was the subject discussed by Alston Sutton of the U. S. Employment Service. At the final meeting, Nathan Sloat, supervisor for the State Department of Institutions, explained the purpose of family environment for rehabilitating the man returned from war zones.

Employees of the Sacramento County Library and the State Library attended the series of interesting meetings by invitation. Through the speeches and general discussion all were informed of where to send veterans for care, what types of literature should not be given to them as well as the kind that will be helpful, what librarians should read, and in general how libraries can best serve the veterans.

A special reading section in the Public Library for San Jose's police officers has been arranged through co-operation of the civil service commission, the City Manager and the City Librarian, Geraldine Nurney. A fund of $200 was used for the initial purchase of 150 books, and to this new collection is being added the volumes formerly housed in various offices pending establishmbent of such a central library. Information on all phases of police work is included. The books are loaned only to police men and women.

The City Council of Piedmont and the State Library Field Representative, Thelma Reid, made a study recently of the recreation needs of Piedmont, for the purpose of suggesting a suitable location for a library building and also the type of library service to be planned for installation after the war. The survey considered present library facilities in high and grade schools and the availability of branches of the Oakland Public Library in the area surrounding Piedmont.

A library has been suggsted as a suitable war memorial for Huntington Park's members of the armed forces, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce in the community is sponsoring a drive for $50,000 to construct such a war memorial. Approval of the city council was given in a resolution that agreed "It is fitting and proper that a permanent memorial be erected in this city commemorating the services and sacrafices of both the living and the dead who have and will participate in this mighty conflict for the preservation of our homes, institutions, government and way of life." It is hoped that a public library for the use of future generations will fulfil this noble purpose.

The post-war planning commission of the City of San Bernardino has envisioned a four million dollar program of civic improvements, to cover a six year period starting immediately after the conclusion of the war. In the projected plan, to furnish employment to innumerable men and women returned to civilian life from the armed forces, and to provide the many needed improvements and additions to the city's facilities, is a free public library to augment or supplant the structure now outgrown.

An experiment which has considerably increased public interest in the Lockwood Branch of the Oakland Public Library, was a letter sent home with each pupil at the Lockwood School. Written by

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ACADEMIC NOTES

The John Henry Nash Typographic Library, containing books important in the history of printing and representative of the best in 500 years of typography and binding, has been acquired by the University of California Library at Berkeley, it was announced by President Robert Gordon Sproul. This acquisition has been made possible through the interest and generosity of a former student of the University, Milton S. Ray of San Francisco.

A most significant addition to the University Library, in the opinion of Harold L. Leupp, librarian, the collection contians 1,831 collector's items. Among these are 19 representive items of incunabula—books printed before 1500—including a leaf from the Gutenberg Bible, the Nuremberg Chronicle and the Haebler portfolios.

The collection was appraised at $43,000 in 1936, although its actual value may be in excess of this, in Leupp's estimation. He pointed out that the value of collector's items is a relative thing, depending as it does upon the condition of the market and the intensity of the buyer's desires.

A pioneer in the field of fine printing, John Henry Nash established his press in San Francisco in 1895 and contributed largely toward making the city an important center for typography as an art. He has been awarded three honorary degrees.

"We hope that when funds are available a treasure room, in which the Nash collection may have a prominent place, may be established at the University Library," Mr. Leupp said. "This would be open to the public, and thereby place these valuable items at the dispocal of students and admirers of the art of good printing."

The University of Southern California has recently purchased the collection of foreign serials from the Boston Society of Natural History. It is an outstanding collection of scientific literature, which represents the culmination of 113 years of research by leading scientists from all over the world. In the history of the Society the names of such eminent scientists as Louis Agassiz, Alexander Agassiz, Amos Binney, Edward S. Morse and Samuel H. Scudder appear as curators.

The publications of the learned societies are well represented. Among these publications are almost complete files of societies such as *Akamedie van Wetenschaffen, Amsterdam; Svenska Wetenskapsakademien, Stockholm;* and *Acadamieder Wessenschaften, Vienna.*

The subjects covered include zoology, botany, geology, paleontology, anthropology, astronomy and entomology.

The holdings under symbol MBN in the *Union List of serials* may now be regarded as under the symbol C I S U for foreign serials formerly at the Boston Society of Natural History.

A gift of unusual interest was received from a member of the "Friends of the Library"—two sets of original leaves, ont a group of 18 original leaves each illustrating a superb achievement in the history of the book during nine centuries, the other the original leaves from Famous Bibles. The leaves are matted a uniform size and on each mat is a concise description of the leaf it contains.

To the American Literature Collection there has recently been added valuable material by Hamlin Garland: forty-nine notebooks, four folders of letters, the cut of his bookplate, and five first editions.

SEND YOUR BOOKS TO WAR

The Public Relations Committee and the War Activities Committee have been more than pleased with the statewide response to the "SEND YOUR BOOKS TO WAR" campaign sponsored by the California Library Association. Many librarians in the state had become somewhat disillusioned with the results of previous local and national book drives. If it had not been for the very real need of books for the Army, the Navy and the Merchant Marine particularly apparent in California coast communities, the Association would never have attempted another book drive.

It was the original plan to conduct a concentrated campaign during February, but a slow start combined with the unabated demand for books resulted in the decision to continue the drive for the "duration," or at least so long as requests for books in quantity keep piling up. Under the direction of Mabel R. Gillis, Chairman of the War Activities Committee, the framework of local librarians as Directors of the SEND YOUR BOOKS TO WAR campaign in each community has been the same as that set up for earlier national drives. The local librarian has planned with the leaders of the community for the program of action best calculated to produce results locally, and the cooperation and interest everywhere in the state has been splendid.

In addition to local librarians serving as Directors of the campaign in their own communities, Miss Gillis is being assisted in each District by the following: Golden Empire, Albert Lake; Mt. Shasta, Margaret Sihler; Portola, Dorothy Hamilton; Redwood, Edna D. Davis; San Francisco Bay, Mary Barmby and Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Potter; Southern, Thomas Dabagh; and Yosemite, Bessie B. Silverthorn.

The School Library Association of California is represented on the War Activities Committee by Jewel Gardiner for the Northern Section and Marjorie Schramling for the Southern Section. The Special Libraries Association is cooperating through their San Francisco Bay Region Chapter under the direction of Mrs. Avis Bryson Stopple and the Southern California Chapter through Isabelle Farnum.

The work of the Public Relations Committee has been to cooperate with the War Activities Committee in getting publicity for the SEND YOUR BOOKS TO WAR campaign throughout the state. When the drive was inaugurated with the approval of both the Army and the Navy, news releases were sent out from Sacramento over the Associated Press, United Press and International News Service. These stories were picked up locally by editors throughout the State. At the same time, letters (originals, not mimeographed stuffers) were sent to County Boards of Supervisors, Mayors and City Managers of all cities over 10,000 population, telling them about the drive, naming the local librarian as Director of the drive in their community and asking them to cooperate with their Librarian-Director in any way possible. Many replies to these letters were received and most Cities and Counties declared official endorsement of the campaign. This official sanction resulted in additional newspaper references in the local community. The clipping service to which the State Library subscribes revealed a surprising amount of newspaper publicity particularly in the more remote sections of the state. Radio appeals were used in some communities, but there was no state-wide organization of that medium. Letters were also sent to many state-wide associations, clubs and fraternal organizations, requesting them to endorse the drive at the state level, and asking that they notify their local affiliates to cooperate with the Librarian-Director in each community. The response form these letters was excellent, and there were many inquiries: "What can we do to help? Just tell us how to get started." In each case inquirers were directed to their own Librarian-Director to work out a plan best suited to the local situation.

Many fine posters were made locally, and the Salt Lake City Headquarters of the 9th Service Command supplied us with several hundred posters in three different designs. The Association furnished the paper and the 9th Service Command supplied the patterns and the art work. Much favorable comment has been received on these posters which were very unusual.

The extremely gratifying aspect of this State campaign, in addition to the interest and cooperation, has been the consistently high quality of books turned in and the frequent cash contributions which have made possible the purchase of new titles needed to "round out" assortments for shipment. Actual tabulation of receipts is not available at the time of this report. Most purchases have been for new best-seller titles and "westerns." There simply never seem to be enough "westerns" according to reports.

It now appears that we are to have a new impetus to the state-wide drive for books for service men. Through the efforts of the San Francisco member of the Public Relations Committee, Margaret V. Girdner, we have been able to secure the interest of the Pacific Advertising Association. An advertising expert from a national agency has prepared a booklet directed to advertisers which solicits their aid in the SEND YOUR BOOKS TO WAR campaign of the California Library Association. The work has been done by the War Activities Committee of the Pacific Advertising Association, and the material prepared at no expense to us. The printing of the booklet is being paid for by the San Francisco Chronicle.

The plan of using the illustrated ads by clients in connection with their other advertising will be promoted by the Pacific Advertising Association in those cities where the Association is organized. Elsewhere, the librarian will have copies to use in promoting publicity in the local newspapers and other printed advertising of local firms.

Aside from the fine results achieved in supplying urgently needed books to the armed services, the Public Relations Committee feels that this campaign has been an educational experience for the Committee, through the lessons in community relationships and techniques of establishing active good will for libraries. We hope to be able to apply some of the principles learned through this book drive to carry on certain post-war aims which libraries need to develope with community cooperation throughout the state.

Margaret V. Girdner
Marjorie H. Kobler
Thelma Reid
Frances Cary Richardson
Bessie B. Silverthorn
Grace R. Taylor, Chairman
Public Relations Committee
California Library Association

COURSES FOR LIBRARY CLERKS

The Santa Monica Junior College is offering a course in Clerical Library Experience. For this course of four hours a week during a nine weeks term, junior college credit (not university credit) is given. It prepares for clerical positions in all types of libraries, and the class hours are enriched by practical experience in the junior college library under the direction of the librarian, Edith Sperry.

A six weeks course for clerical library assistants will be given in the Metrpolitan High School in Los Angeles beginning July 3. There is no fee for the course and residence requirement is waived. Instruction in typewriting is given to students who are not good typists and practice in various libraries is included. Twelve students completed a similar course in May and immediately found positions in county, school and public libraries. Information may be obtained from Carmela Antonacci, librarian of the Metropolitan High School or from the Library and textbook section, 1205 West Pico Street, Los Angeles 15.

LIBRARY SCHOOLS

The School of Librarianship, University of California, Berkeley, has not stopped nor is there any likelihood of this happening, though no instruction is being offered in the Spring Term. This school had always given its first year or basic curriculum, beginning with the fall semester and extending through the spring semester. Under the present three term calendar of the University, this curriculum will begin with the opening of the Summer Term, July 3, 1944, and will be completed at the end of the Fall Term in late February, 1945. This was our plan in 1943-44 and it is proposed to repeat it in 1944-45. Announcements and full information regarding requirements for admission may be obtained from the Office of the Director, and graduates or seniors who will graduate in June may now apply for admission to the curriculum beginning July, 1944.

Only seventeen students completed our basic or first year curriculum in 1944, but this is apparently the low point of interest in education for librarianship here, because we have already accepted more young college graduates for the class beginning this July than we had last year, and there are a good many applications under consideration, so we are apparently on the upswing in number and quality.

With higher beginning salaries and many opportunities there is no better time for young college graduates to enter the profession. The shortage of good beginners is especially noticeable, though it is not at all limited to this group.

As the regular curriculum starts at the beginning of July, no plans are possible for summer session courses, which would overlap those of the summer term.

SYDNEY B. MITCHELL, *Director*
School of Librarianship
University of California

The Graduate School of Library Science of the University of Southern California is planning a nine-weeks' Summer Session from July 3 to September 1. Opportunity will be given for students who have begun their course of training to complete it at this time. Courses will also be given for incoming students who may wish to take their training in three summer sessions.

Plans are under way for a Workshop for Special Librarians, to be given August 28 to September 1. The courses will be given in the main by the regular Library School faculty, although there will be some special lecturers. Inquiries should be sent to the Director of the Library School.

MARY DUNCAN CARTER, *Director*
Graduate School of Library Science
University of Southern California.

During the summer session at the San Jose State College, courses in children's Literature, English 112A and112B will be given by Elizabeth Groves of the School of Librarianship faculty. Other library courses offered are Cataloging and classification, Jeannette Vander Ploeg; Book selection for school libraries, Eunice Speer; Library Work with Young People, Elizabeth Groves. Other courses needed to complete work for the special credential in librarianship may be taken as directed reading.

JOYCE BACKUS, *Librarian*
San Jose State College

MEETINGS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

October 19 to 21 has been chosen for the annual meeting of the California Library Association. It will be held in a central location in Los Angeles. Hotel reservations may be made through the local committee on arrangements, of which Katherine Root Morrison, Los Angeles Public Library, is chairman. The central subject for the meeting is *Pertinent phases of library development after the war, with emphasis on Inter-American relations.* The September Bulletin will carry the tentative program. Members are urged to make hotel and travel reservations early.

MARY DUNCAN CARTER,
President

GOLDEN EMPIRE AND MOUNT SHASTA DISTRICTS

The Golden Empire and Mt. Shasta Districts met in joint session beginning Thursday, May 4 at 2 P. M. in the Sacramento City Council Chamber. Margaret Klausner, president of the Golden Empire District, presided.

After a short address of welcome Miss Klausner turned the meeting over to Albert Lake of the Sacramento County Library, moderator for the first session on the topic, "Recruiting for Librarianship." Mr. Lake read a letter from the University of California School of Librarianship on the qualifications it thinks necessary for entrance to a library school. He then introduced the speaker of the session, Dr. Mary Duncan Carter, President of the California Library Association.

In a recent survey of the 34 accredited library schools in the United States, 24 stated they were giving their schools extra publicity this year. The Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia has the most outstanding recruiting program. Denver also has a good one and three southern library schools have a regional cooperative program. The methods used are: special library school bulletins separate from the university announcements of courses, illustrated pamphlets, posters, exhibits, etc, and even testimonials. Some schools offer scholarships and fellowships, and others give radio programs and talks by alumni at schools and to individuals. Placement service is offered by most schools and they attempt to maintain a high standard of salaries, and many other inducements. Dr. Carter had an exhibit of much interesting pamphlet material.

The remainder of the session was turned over to the floor for a spirited question and discussion period. Among those giving short talks for the viewpoint of their particular field were: Mabel Gillis; Emma T. Bierwagen; Mrs. Irma Bruton; Mrs. Dorothy M. Carnie and Eleanor Hitt. Ida M. Reagan and Amy L. Boynton made appeals for increased membership in the California Library Association. The first session closed with an announcement by Dr. Carter on the proposed C.L.A. meeting to be held in Los Angeles, the theme to be on inter-American Relations.

At 7:30 that evening eighty members met at the Coco Cola clubrooms for a turkey dinner and a very enjoyable program of pianologues by Mrs. Maudie Mumm.

The second session opened at 10 A.M. Friday morning, May 5, with the main program shared by Claude Kemp of the War Manpower Commission and E. D. Antinoui, specialist in selective placement of the handicapped. Mr. Kemp said that about one million men had already been released from service and by the end of the war there will be at least ten million servicemen, besides about twenty million civilian war workers, who will have to be absorbed into civilian life and work. All of these will have had their normal lives disorganized by the war and will need a great deal of encouragement to readjust themselves to peacetime living. The U. S. Employment Service, Veterans Employment Division, is the point of

contact, with fifteen thousand offices now established in the United States. There will be interlapping organizations set up in all communities with the Veterans Council working with local fraternal and trade clubs as agencies. A great deal of Mr. Antinoui's work has been with the civilian war workers. In the sudden, tremendous war building program there was not time to educate the workers on safety measures. In the first year of the war six people were injured in war work to one on the battlefield. Now with job tests to fit people to their proper work and safety education, these injuries have been cut down to a minimum. Mr. Kemp and Mr. Antinoui suggested that the librarians should be members of the local Veterans Councils. Many of the returning servicemen have gone into the service from school and have never worked. Librarians could help by keeping their vocational material up-to-date and making it known by various publicity methods.

Among contributors to the discussion period on "Readjustment and the Library" were: Edith Gantt, Auguste Frugé, Mrs. Fay Russell and Louise Nesbitt.

The last session, with "Children in a War World" as the subject, was held Friday afternoon, with Mrs. Lila G. Adams, President of the Mt. Shasta District, as chairman. Mrs. Adams extended greetings to the members and to the representatives of the schools and P.T.A. before turning the meeting over to the moderator, Jewel Gardiner, Librarian of the Teachers' Professional Library of Sacramento.

Miss Gardiner introduced James H. Phillips, formerly director of the California Youth Authority, as speaker of the session. Mr. Phillips calls child welfare and juvenile delinquency "America's number one unsolved problem." These boys and girls of today are our future leaders of tomorrow and our major work should be with them. The Youth Authority was developed through the work of the American Law Institute in 1940 and California was the first state to adopt the law. Many things have been accomplished in the short period since August 4, 1943, when all California correctional institutions were put under the authority of the C.Y.A. Boys and girls who have come up before the juvenile authorities are now studied, up to a period of three months, before sentence is pronounced. The more promising individuals are weeded out and sent to the new mountain camps or ranch schools. Most of these children will be returned to normal life without the stigma of county jail or reform school. The Youth Authority is not a cure-all but a step in the right direction. Its heads are to be made up of three officers, one appointed by the Governor and two selected by representatives of non-political organizations. Any community desiring aid in its delinquency problems may request a representative of the Youth Authority to make a survey. It will point out the weaknesses and suggest how the community may best work out its problems through the cooperation of its own agencies. The C.Y.A. believes that juvenile delinquency is a local problem and should be worked out by the community itself.

Discussion leaders for the Friday afternoon session were: Mrs. Patricia Ladd, Frances Murphy, Marvin Cragun and Mrs. Carmel Arthur, Sacramento School Attendance Officer.

ALICIA M. HOOK, *Secretary*

SAN FRANCISCO BAY DISTRICT

San Francisco Bay, Redwood and Portola Districts met jointly with the Northern Section, School Library Association of California, May 13, on the campus of the University of California in Berkeley.

"What is Expected of the Library" was the topic of the morning session. Miss Clara Dills presided. Mr. H. H. Buddington, a trustee of the Alameda City Library, stressed the need of library publicity. Miss Joan London, Librarian of the California State Federation of Labor, explained what labor expects of the public library. The worker wants public libraries whether he uses them or not, just as he wants public schools. He is interested in current topics, the

war, postwar planning, as well as in vocational material and self-improvement. The answer to the problem of how to get the worker to the library lies in advertising and extended public relations. The importance of teaching children the value of libraries was stressed. The library patron was represented by Mrs. Elise Bours, a professional book reviewer. Inconvenient location of some library buildings, added to present transportation difficulties, send some library users to rental libraries. The difficulty of getting new books promptly at the public library and similar difficulties are due to an insufficient budget. A professional public relations director should be retained to "sell" the library and its needs to the public. The value of making children library users was emphasized. The personality and appearance of the librarian are important. Mrs. Bours favors a happy medium between pale ghost and glamor girl, and prefers the older, more tolerant and experienced librarian.

Mrs. Bertha Hellum, Librarian of the Monterey Public Library, spoke on what the librarian expects of the trustee. There is a close correlation between a good board of trustees and a good library. A trustee should regularly attend board meetings, interpret the library to the community, use his influence to obtain adequate funds to carry on the work of the library, and become fully informed on library trends by attendance at library meetings, by visiting other libraries, and by independent thinking. The board of trustees should protect library personnel from political manipulation. Staff morale should be encouraged by adequate salaries, classification of jobs, and, if possible, by a retirement plan. Administrative duties should be delegated to the librarian.

The luncheon was held at the College Women's Club. Dr. Mary Duncan Carter, President of the California Library Association, spoke on recruiting for library work and told what is being done by library schools in various parts of the country. She urged individual librarians to try this year to interest at least one young person in becoming a librarian.

The afternoon session consisted of a symposium on "Readjustment of War Personnel into Civilian Life, a Challenge to Libraries." Mrs. Margaret D. Uridge, President of the San Francisco Bay District, presided. The panel speakers were introduced by Mr. John M. Dodd, District Supervisor, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, State Department of Education. Dr. Olga L. Bridgman, psychiatrist, and Professor of Psychology at the University of California, emphasized that the diagnosis and treatment of mental cases should never be attempted by sympathetic but untrained persons. Librarians should have available information concerning the agencies which can help these people.

Miss Kathryn MacDowell, a Red Cross worker who has served on an army hospital ship, emphasized that not enough books of the right kind were supplied in the Mediterranean area. Patients want light fiction and humor. Able-bodied men want good fiction, history, biographies, technical and reference books. Mysteries are far down on the list. Foreign language books and histories of foreign countries are wanted. More humor and light fiction and more books about things at home are desired.

Miss Mary Catherine Baker, Librarian at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, said that reading interests of disabled service men are about the same as those of other men of their age group. Her library has about $2/3$ fiction to $1/3$ non-fiction. The fiction reading is escapist, and ranges from Proust and Tolstoi to Zane Gray and Edgar Rice Burroughs. There is prejudice against English and women authors. Robust fiction and historical novels, especially with an American setting, are popular, as are mysteries. History, biography, travel, poetry, humor and drama and the social sciences are read. *Time, Life, Newsweek* and hobby periodicals are popular.

Mr. Joseph A. Belloli, Librarian at the Vallejo Housing Unit, indicated that war workers realize that many of their skills will not be needed after the war. They want books on current and postwar problems, as well as technical and

vocational materials. Electricity, electronics, radar, mathematics and plastics are some of the subjects called for.

S/Sergeant Elliot W. Morgan, formerly of Camp Roberts Library, pointed out that Hemingway and Steinbeck are popular, but even Grace Livingston Hill is read. Henty is left on the shelves. Currently popular titles correspond to civilian best sellers: *Strange fruit, Lost weekend, The robe, The apostle, Good night, sweet prince,* and *Generation of vipers.* The men want something more solid in psychology than Dale Carnegie. Mathematics, languages, including English grammar, are also read. Illustrated books and magazines are popular. Favorite magazines include *Life, Time* and *Esquire,* followed by *Harper's, The Nation, The Saturday Evening Post* and *The New Yorker.*

Business meetings of the three CLA districts followed. The chief question before the San Francisco Bay District was the proposed merger with Portola District. Since a quorum was not present, it was voted that the question be put before the entire membership on the fall ballot.

ELIZABETH SCARF, *Secretary*

PORTOLA DISTRICT

The business meeting of the Portola District of the California Library Association was held on May 13, 1944 at the University of California. Miss Helen Luce, President, presided.

The first item of business to be considered was the proposed merger of the Portola and San Francisco Bay Districts. Miss Luce announced that the matter had been voted favorably by the District at last year's meeting. According to the C.L.A. constitution it must be voted on again. Mr. Belloli moved that the Portola District merge with the San Francisco Bay District. Miss Barmby seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Singletary, chairman of the nominating committee, made the nominations for district officers for the coming year.

Miss Patricia Clark, C.L.A. Membership Representative, reported on the work done by that committee. Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, A.L.A. Membership Chairman, reported on her work. Miss Dorothy Hamilton, District Chairman of the Send Books To War Campaign, gave a short report on this activity. Miss Luce requested that material for the C.L.A. *Bulletin,* especially personal items, be sent to Miss Robertson, Executive Secretary.

KATHERINE DOMBAUGH,
Secretary

REDWOOD DISTRICT

The Redwood District of the California Library Association joined the San Francisco and Portola Districts and the School Library Association of California, Northern Section, in a regional meeting held on the University of California campus May 13. Members attending returned with many stimulating ideas presented in the panel discussions of "What is Expected of the Library?" and "Readjustment of War Personnel into Civilian Life—A Challenge to Libraries."

At a special meeting held Saturday evening, June 10, at Hillside Farm, a report on the meeting was made to members who had been unable to attend. This was followed by a talk by H. W. Adams, City Superintendent of Schools, Eureka, on "Libraries in the Post-War World."

HELEN A. EVERETT, *Secretary*

YOSEMITE DISTRICT

The Yosemite District annual meeting was held Wednesday, May 3, in Fresno in the Fresno City Schools Administration Building, with the President, E. Ben Evans, in the chair.

At the morning meeting Miss Sarah E. McCardle first welcomed the group to Fresno. The speaker of the morning was Harold A. Slane of the California Youth Authority, and also Special Counsel for the Juvenile Protection Bureau of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. In speaking of *Juvenile Delinquency and the California Youth Authority,* he gave a brief history of the Youth Authority, and discussed its work and the problems involved. He emphasized

the importance of finding the reason behind each case of delinquency and outlined some of the principal contributing factors. He told of the extensive prosecution by the authority of adults who failed to observe the state laws for protection of youth. There was lively discussion from the floor, the group showing great interest in the subject and in what libraries could do to alleviate the situation.

Mr. C. Todd Clark, president of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, welcomed the librarians and Miss Bessie B. Silverthorn, chairman of the War Activities Committee, presented an inspiring report on the Send Your Books to War campaign. Reports were given by Dorothy Dorland, chairman of the Membership Committee; Edith Taylor, state treasurer of the C.L.A.; and Eleanor Wilson, member of the Bulletin Advertising Committee.

After the luncheon served by the ladies of the St. Paul's Methodist Church, Mr. Evans introduced the state nominators for the district, Minette Stoddard and Margaret Van Dussen; Natalie Lapike, president of the Northern Section of the California School Library Association and Dr. Mary Duncan Carter, president of the C.L.A. who spoke on the importance of recruiting new people for the library profession.

Another luncheon speaker was Lt. Mary T. Hugentugler, WAC recruiting officer stationed in Fresno, formerly State library supervisor in Kentucky.

The afternoon session was devoted to problems of post-war planning. John C. Frazee, technical director of the Kern County Post-war Planning Council, gave an excellent picture of the need for planning now in order to avoid disaster on the day of peace. He pointed out that so-called "post-war" conditions are now actually in effect on the east coast, with cancelled war contracts and returning servicemen creating problems for which there is no solution ready. The importance of surveys giving definite information was emphasized, and problems that must be faced in California and specifically in the valley counties were discussed. Mr. Frazee thought it essential that libraries distribute and make available to everyone what is now being done by planning groups and mentioned the A.L.A. *Post-war standards for libraries* as an outstanding example of what is being done by organizations all over the country. In Kern County, he had asked the librarian to abstract the reports of the Post-war Planning Council and edit them for liberal distribution to the schools and to the public in general.

MILA N. de LEVEAGA, *Secretary*

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The 1944 meeting of the Southern District was held April 15, in the lecture room of the Los Angeles Public Library. Miss Gladys English, President, brought greetings to the District members and presented Dr. Mary Duncan Carter, State President. Dr. Carter spoke of the program planned for the Association, announcing that plans are being made for an annual meeting in September.

Miss Mabel Gillis reported progress of the "Send Your Books to War" campaign. Although the southern branch of the Ninth Service Command Library has been closed, books collected from Southern District will be trar ported to San Francisco for processing. She reported, further, the cooperation of the Pacific Advertising Agency in issuing an advertising booklet with material for local publicity campaigns in collecting books.

Mrs. Katharine Morrison, A.L.A. representative, urged that membership in our National Association be kept up to date. Miss Frances Richardson, District Vice-President, reported that, although there are a number of new memberships, many more should be recruited before the annual meeting time.

A symposium of books was then opened with a foreword by Miss Althea Warren. Printed booklists were made available to the members present, and the following speakers and topics were reported upon:

Miss Marion Horton, Trends in juvenile literature; Mr. Armine McKenzie, A Sense of the Past; Dr. Frank Baxter,

of the English Department, University of Southern California, A Few Books of the War, in the field of general literature and poetry; Dr. V. Orval Watts, Economic Consul of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Economic trends and "The Great Schism" relative to the government's financial policy.

The meeting adjourned for a buffet luncheon in the recreation room of the library.

At the afternoon session, Sir Norman Angell spoke brilliantly on "The Average Reader and the Post-War Problem." He challenged librarians to think creatively and to make readers think.

Despite the fact that never before in the history of mankind have so many books been written to prevent war-10,000 in the early 1920's and probably double that number at the beginning of the Second World War—yet they failed in their purpose. With more books and more educational facilities than ever before, we are now fighting a second war and in order to prevent a third and even more destructive one, we must all understand the problems and principles involved.

We are fighting this war for freedom from outside domination just as we fought for that freedom in 1776. Human freedom is not a political issue and should not be confused with political issues. We must realize that in the modern world no nation is impregnable nor can any nation defend itself alone. "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." The real cause of this war is that the nations refused to hang together. With all of our books and all our learning we are still confused and fail to realize that if we will not defend others, sooner or later we shall be unable to defend ourselves. The only way to have peace is to mobilize the power of the whole for a part. Maintenance of peace is a continuing process and not just one righteous act.

In order that books may reach everyone and play a more effective part in the post-war world, Sir Norman recommends the establishment of an impartial central body of guidance (call it committee, jury, or whatever you will), relating public questions to books. Book lists or notices something like this might be distributed or printed in newspapers or magazines:

"The issue in this matter seems to be this ..... as against that of ..... .

If you take the first viewpoint, books throwing light on this theory are these ..... .

Or if you take the second viewpoint, the books are these ..... ."

MILDRED SOWERS, *Secretary*

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Conference of College and University Librarians of Southern California met on Saturday, May 13, at the California Institute of Technology. Mrs. Helen Simpkins, president, presided. There were about sixty members in attendence.

The theme of the meeting was "University Libraries and Inter-American Working Material. Dr. Raymond G. McKelvey of the Southern California Council of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs talked briefly on the work of the Council. Packets of attractive pamphlets prepared by the Washington Office of the Coordinator were given each member.

Mr. William H. Dentzel, a student of political economy at Occidental College who has recently returned from South America, where he had been a student at the University of San Marcos, in Lima, Peru, for three years, discussed the philosophy behind Latin-American education.

Mr. Jorge Hidalgo, from Venezuela, a student of electrical engineering at the University of Southern California, followed Mr. Dentzel with an explanation of the differences between education in this country and in South America.

Dr. Harold Davis, of the Division of Science and Education of the Office of the Coordinator of the Inter-American Affairs in Washington, D. C. spoke from the educator's standpoint on the benefit derived from the exchange of students.

The conference was concluded at Pierre's with a brief business meeting

following the luncheon. The nominating committee submitted the following list of officers for the coming year: President, Miss Ardis Lodge of the Library of the University of California at Los Angeles. Vice-president, Miss Ruth Dively, of Occidental College Library, Secretary, Miss Catherine Birch, California Institute of Technology.

EVA LANDIS

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The final meeting of the year for the Southern California Chapter of the S.L.A. will be held June 8 at 7 p. m. at the Hotel Savoy. This will be a dinner meeting and officers for the new year will be elected. Dr. Arthur G. Coons, Dean, Occidental College, formerly Los Angeles director of the O.P.A. will speak on the subject: "Post-war planning —the economic aspects."

The San Francisco Bay Region Chapter of the S.L.A. closed the year with a dinner meeting and election of officers May 13 at the Xochimilco Mexican restaurant in San Francisco.

The national conference of the S.L.A. will be held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia June 19 to 21.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY DISTRICT

On March 23 The San Francisco Bay Discussion Group met at the College Women's Club to discuss the general theme: "Are we fit for tomorrow? If not, why not?" About forty people were seated at four tables, each with a moderator. A specific topic was given each table; each person was limited to one minute, but could speak again on the rebound. This unique scheme gave each person a chance to be heard and for an hour the room buzzed with enthusiastic voices. The chairman, Mrs. Lisl Loeb, called the group to order and each of the four moderators gave a ten minute summary of the points discussed at his table. The high points of these summaries follow. In connection with the topic *Library personnel: the place of the library school,* it was suggested that aptitude tests similar to those which have been successful with men in the army be used by library schools, and that personality and love of people as well as love of books be considered. Basic training in public relations is needed. Scholarships, institutes and an alert interest in new developments in radio, recordings and publicity as related to library work are recommended. It is desirable to have some one on the library school staff to act as vocational advisor and placement officer.

Under the heading *Personnel problems, with a view to the future,* it was suggested that libraries allow time for outside study, and leaves of absence; that larger libraries encourage subject specialists in fields related to the war and post-war industries; that time and motion studies be used to clarify the distinctions between professional and clerical classifications; that staff members suggest and discuss administration, but leave actual administrative details to the chief; that educating the public about library facilities and functions would help in the choice of more active and understanding library boards.

It is thought that demobilization will affect libraries to a marked extent. Demobilization is now taking place at the rate of 100,000 a month. Among men and women there will be many who will not continue their education in high school or college. They will be looking to the libraries. A new group of potential readers consists of men who have been taught reading, writing and simple arithmetic in the army and navy.

Library relations with other countries may be expanded. The foundations for the exchange of librarians and expansion of book collections in the Latin American countries are examples of what might be done. Through fellowships and scholarships librarians should be given the opportunity to learn about a particular country and its special problems. Book lists of select titles in the language of the country could be made by foreign libraries as a current and authoritative aid to American library staffs and patrons.

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL GROUP

The spring meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Group of Catalogers was held on April 20 in the Art and Lecture Room of the University of Southern California, with Mrs. Alice Billings, chief cataloger of the Pasadena Public Library, presiding. Fifty-three members were present.

Marguerite Seager, librarian at Camp Santa Anita, spoke delightfully of her experiences in the army library. She gave a complete idea of the routines and services of such a library, as well as an amusing description of the unpredictable situations which constantly challenge the ingenuity of the librarian.

Editing the A.L.A. catalogs was the topic of Marion Horton, of the Los Angeles City Schools Library. In her interesting account of her work as editor, she explained that tentative lists of books in the various subject fields were compiled and sent to experts for checking. Thus the final selection of books is based on the combined judgment of a number of authorities.

A well-rounded picture of the California State Library as an agency of service was given by Mr. John Henderson, Assistant Librarian in the Los Angeles County Public Library. He described the leadership of the State Library in library legislation and organization; in promoting higher standards for personnel; in advising library administrators; and in offering book service, both directly and through inter-library loans, to the people of the state. He concluded with a discription of the special collections at the State Library, and of the union catalog, which now contains over 2,700,000 cards.

At the close of the meeting the chairman presented the newly elected officers of the Regional Group: Mrs. Chesterine Cordelle, of the Los Angeles Public Library, chairman; and Mrs. Helen Simpkins of the Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, Secretary-Treasurer.

Charlotte Himoe, *Secretary.*

SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NORTHERN SECTION

The spring business meeting of the Northern Section of the School Library Association of California was held May 13, followed by luncheon at the College Women's Club in Berkeley. In the afternoon the school librarians joined in the regional institute sponsored by the Redwood, Portola and San Francisco Bay Districts of the C. L. A. The speakers on the panel were Dr. Olga L. Bridgman, Miss Mary Catherine Baker, S/Sgt. Elliott W. Morgan and Joseph A. Belloli.

The officers of the Northern Section for 1944-45 are Bess Landfear, Bureau of texts and Libraries, San Francisco, president; Eunice Speer, San Jose State College, vice-president; Dorothy McGee, Theodore Judah Elementary School, Sacramento, secretary; Catherine Stalford, Marina Junior High School, San Francisco, treasurer.

SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Southern Section of the California School Library Association was held in the Tuesday Afternoon Club in Glendale May 6. After the business meeting May Gearhart, the distinguished etcher and art critic, spoke on modern art. The luncheon speakers were Mrs. Carol Flanagan, of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, and Reed C. Kinert, author of *America's fighting planes in action.* The state officers elected at the meeting include Marjorie Fullwood, Franklin Junior High School, Long Beach, president; Elizabeth Patton, Berkeley High School, vice-president; Louise Butler, Hamilton Junior High School, Long Beach, secretary; Elinor Alexander, Salinas Union High School, treasurer; Margaret Girdner, Bureau of Texts and Libraries, San Francisco, director; and Marjorie Schramling, Los Angeles High School, editor of the Bulletin. The officers of the southern section for 1944 are Mildred Berrier, Jefferson High School, Los Angeles, president; Helen Herney, Los Angeles City College, vice-president; Ruby Edenquist, Venice High School, secretary; Vera Walls, Library and Textbook Section, Los Angeles, treasurer.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA STATE DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE

The California State Documents Committee came into being in 1941 at the request of Miss Rachel Thayer, Document Librarian of the Long Beach Public Library. The original purpose of the Committee was to attempt to find out what documents were published by the State of California; and, also, what might be done with respect to the tendency of many of the state agencies to sell their documents, with no provision for free distribution. The early efforts of the Committee were concentrated on securing the publication of a checklist of California state publications. The result was the publication in loose-leaf form by the Supervisor of Documents of periodic listings of California state publications by agencies. In the checklist were also incorporated organization charts. Since few libraries have much enthusiasm for a loose-leaf service, the catalog, in a sense, was doomed from the beginning. It existed for about two years, and was discontinued.

The present chairman and members of the Committee propose to leave alone for the present the question of a catalog and to concentrate on working out an adequate distribution scheme of California state publications within the state. The time is opportune to concentrate on the question of distribution, especially since Senate Resolution No. 80, approved in 1943, created a Senate Fact-Finding Committee on the printing and Distribution of Legislative and other State Documents. The Committee proposes to study carefully the whole question of distribution and formulate recommendations which may be presented to this Senate Fact-Finding Committee for action. It is quite possible that recommendations on some adequate periodic listing of California State publications might be incorporated with the recommendations on distribution.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the committee on May 3, it was decided to consider current trends in training for librarianship in California. New techniques in instructing library assistants on the job, preparation for reference and children's work, in-service training and refresher courses and recruiting are some of the topics to be considered by the Committee. Members of the California Library Assaciation are invited to send ideas on these subjects or on others relating to library training to any member of the Committee: Carmelita Duff, State Library, Sacramento; Margaret Van Dussen, Fresno County Free Library; E. Ben Evans, Bakersfield Junior College; Mary Alice Boyd, Los Angeles Public Library; Fanny Alice Coldren, University of California at Los Angeles; Marion Horton, Library and Textbook Section, 1205 West Pico Street, Los Angeles 15, *Chairman*.

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Due to the resignation of Howard M. Rowe as Junior Members Section Chairman, Patricia Clark, Contra Costa County Library at Martinez has been appointed Chairman to fill the unexpired term.

Miss Dorothy Drake, State Nominator of Golden Empire District has been appointed staff aid for Red Cross work in a government hospital, and has resigned as nominator. Buelah Mumm, State Library, Sacramento mas been appointed to succeed Miss Drake.

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REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

With the majority approval of the Executive Board, a special committee has been formed for the purpose of studying the part libraries may play in the rehabilitation program. Rosemary Livsey, head of the Teachers and Children's Department in the Los Angeles Public Library, has been appointed chairman. Each District President has appointed a representative to this special committee: Golden Empire, Esther Schuerman, Sacramento Public Library; Mount Shasta, Margaret Sihler, Redding Public Library; Portola, Flora-Elizabeth Reynolds, Camp McQuaide; Redwood, Mrs. Helen Murie, Eureka Free Library; San Francisco Bay, Jessica Fredericks, San Francisco Public Library; Southern, Mrs. Esther Dean, Supervisor of Training, U. S. Employment Service, Los Angeles; Yosemite, Mrs. Goldie B. Ingles, Bakersfield Junior College Library. There will also a a central state committee to work with Miss Livsey and the district representatives. Members of this committee will be announced later.

Reports from this committee will be printed in the Bulletin, and it is hoped that through this study, each local library will be aided in preparing its materials and personnel to serve the returning service men and women of its community.

Many questions are being asked by librarians. What part can the library play in helping local veterans to find a

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LIBRARIES AND CHURCH VACATION SCHOOLS

Churches throughout the state are planning an active and creative program for children throughout the summer months. This is a preventive measure of inestimable value in the problem of juvenile delinquency. The central offices of these vacation schools suggest ways in which libraries may co-operate in this effort.

Between four and five hundred schools will operate in July and August in Los Angeles County Area, open to children of four to fourteen years, three hours each day, five days a week. The average length of each individual school is three weeks, and by working on a staggered schedule, each community will have some church school open throughout the summer. Approximately 60% of the classes are interdenominational, with about 25% sponsored by some one denomination. The teachers are usually volunteer workers.

Lesson plans for these classes include special service projects, worked out in conjunction with the American Friends Service Committee, the Red Cross, the Russian War Relief, and the denominational church schools. Collection of clothing for Russia, books for service men, soft toys for children overseas and waste paper will be part of the program of these schools.

Many schools will be studying world friendship in one form or another. Attention will be directed toward the American Indians at home and toward southwest Asia abroad. This includes Burma, Thailand, the Solomons, New Hebrides and other Pacific islands. The libraries are full of materials about these peoples but the teachers are not always aware of them. Books of Bible stories will be very welcome. Books on games and craft work could be of great help to the teachers. Almost all vacation schools attempt some work of this kind and need more aid than the textbooks give. Many libraries have picture collections that groups can study and in some cases pictures are loaned. Visual education in all its phases is coming more and more into our schools and these picture collections are extremely helpful.

A very large portion of our citizens, adults as well as children, do not know the wealth of material and experience that libraries offer. For that reason the directors of the Vacation Church Schools are asking the librarians to let the schools know about their services. It may seem to be asking much of busy librarians to take the initiative, but unless they do, many of those who conduct vacation schools will miss what they might receive. Further information about the schools is available from the Los Angeles Church Federation office at 3330 West Adams Boulevard, and from the Northern California Council of Churches at 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco 2.

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You have probably heard plenty of people complain about their inability to get new books quickly at a public library. It's an impression that is firmly rooted in the minds of many—too many, citizens. Moreover, at the Los Angeles Public Library, these people are suiting action to their words and betaking themselves in ever greater numbers to rental libraries. Of course, these libraries flourished in exact proportion to the degree in which the public library failed to meet the demand.

To overcome the situation even in this year of curtailments and elimina tions, the inadequately tax-supported Los Angeles Public Library made one exception—the Popular Library. This new division of the Fiction Department consists of about 5,000 new and popular volumes of fiction and non-fiction. Books rent for one cent a day. They are usually duplicates of rent free books, which are in the various departments. The Popular Library is housed in the Central Library building near its most used entrance.

Our problem was to give more prompt and efficient service to a dwindling, critical public. To accomplish this it was necessary to get books on the shelves the day of publication, to cut the time of waiting for a reserve to two weeks or less if possible. Of course, we have not always been able to live up to this standard, but we have succeeded more often than we have failed.

Many precedents have been broken and innovations started in order to reach our goal. Among them—books are ordered as soon as announced, most often without review. Pockets and book cards or checks are prepared while the books are on order and placed in the books as soon as they are received. They are rushed to the shelves, sans cataloging, shelf listing or careful classifying. The only record kept is the order file (to which is added title cards), which serves as catalog and shelf list also. Fiction and non-fiction are arranged together alphabetically by author on the shelves. When the book has passed to the peak of its popularity it is offered to the department where it classes, to a branch or finally to a second hand dealer. Books are not rebound.

Naturally the success of such an experiment is gauged by results. In this case they have been gratifying. The venture progressed as rapidly as we have been able to care for it with a limited staff. The postal reserve increase of 141% gives an indication of the extraordinary growth.

Financially it has proven very satisfactory. The elimination of almost all accepted library routine in acquiring quantities of short lived books has been a great time saver, and therefore a boon in these days of shortage of help. In addition to being sound economically from the labor point of view, there is another material advantage. As a prominant west coast bookman, and one of the shrewdest, pointed out recently, the life of the average book is four months. Therefore, if the library fails to get

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Perhaps the most important benefit is the development of the Popular Library as an important adult educational agency. It had long been a matter of concern to those in authority that the bulk of the library's fiction patrons were rarely exposed to non-fiction. They came to the Fiction Department (one of the very few in the United States) and took home arms full of novels. As the librarian once said, "It's like feeding them exclusively on bonbons". Now with the new and tempting non-fiction displayed along with the fiction, many are taking home a variety of books and so obtaining a sort of balanced ration in their reading.

The best proof of the success of the Popular Library is its growth. Although only nine months old, it circulates more books than any other department in the Central Library (except Fiction). It lives up to its name.

NEWS ROUNDUP

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the school principal, a teacher and the branch librarian, Anna McNamee, as part of their work as members of the Professional Committee of the Arroyo Viejo Community Council, the letter informed parents of the location of the library, its services and what it can do to help the children both in school and play time.

The Sociology Department of the Los Angeles Public Library recently completed a series of forums concerning the problems of minority groups in the city. Each forum was planned by leaders of the minority group to be featured and the speakers were from the same group. The series attracted considerable interest from social workers, school and church groups, women's clubs, juvenile crime-prevention agencies and other organizations.

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job? What other agencies are working in the field? How are they co-ordinated, or at what points do they over-lap? What referrals are being made to libraries? Where are the vocational counselors obtaining their materials? What arrangements are employers making for in-service training, or special schooling? What types are in greatest demand and how should the material be organized to meet the emergency? The C.L.A. is the logical agency through which libraries may share their experiences and accounts of the work in various localities will be printed in the Bulletin.

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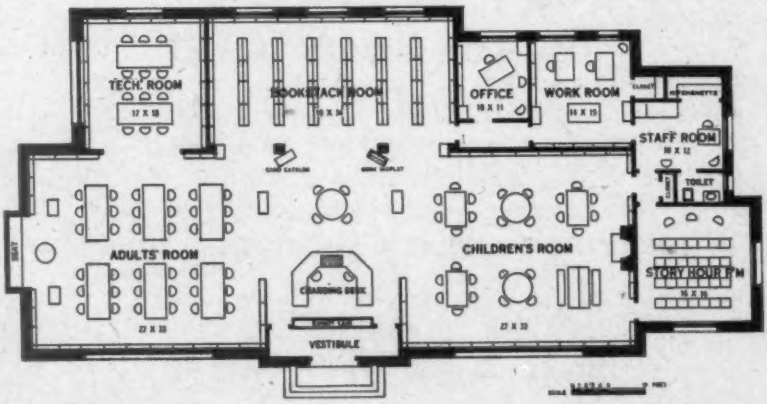

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The indexing of Volume 5 will be done by the Junior Members Section, and the Index to Volume 4, which has not yet been printed, will appear at the same time.

An interesting article on the music of the Latin-American countries, *The Music of Our Southern Neighbors*, by Dr. Louis Curtis, supervisor of music in the Los Angeles city schools, has been reprinted from the January number of the Bulletin of the California School Library Association. It includes a list of books and songs from Mexico and South America, and a list of records of typical vocal and instrumental music. Copies may be obtained for five cents each from Edith Alicia Jones, Library and Textbook Section, 1205 West Pico Street, Los Angeles 15.

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